

Remarks

The present application has been made subject to a restriction requirement with a mailing date of November 12, 2004. In particular, claims 1-39 were pending in the present application, and the Examiner required restriction to one of the following three groups:

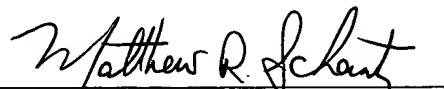
- I. Claims 1-13 and 36-37.
- II. Claims 14-26.
- III. Claims 27-35 and 38-39.

Applicants hereby elect Group II for prosecution in the present application. The remaining original claims are hereby withdrawn to implement this election, without prejudice to their presentation in a divisional application.

The reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed telephonically, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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